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PITTSBURG, SUNDA *, JUNE 30, 1888.

A SETTLED QUESTION.

The rapid progress of the scale question toward a settlement is shown by the fact that the Amalgamated scale was signed by fourteen mills yesterday. This practically settles the question. While the signing of other firms may be delayed for various reasons, it is a foregone conclusion that in all the iron mills the scale for the next year will be adopted without any dispute.

This, of course, means steady employment for our rolling mills during the coming year. Even at the close prices of the past year Pittsburg's fron mills could keep in active operation. With the improving state of the market, we have every reason to expect steady prosperity in the finished iron industry during the next twelve months.

It is to be wished that the steel industry presented the same aspect of harmony. The one threatening point in Pittsburg's industrial horizon is at Homestead; and everyone will hope that the difference there may be bridged over without a strike.

PITTSBURG'S DAY.

Yesterday was a day to be marked with white in the records of Pittsburg athletics The field day of the Brushton Cricket Club has the claim upon public attention of being an exclusively amateur exhibition. All the contestants engage in athletic sports solely as a recreation and the practice of hiring professsonal athletes to do their playing for them, is entirely absent from the performances of that organization. While the exact opposite is true of the baseball games vesterday, the honor of Pittsburg is nevertheless highly exalted. The glory of having downed the Philadelphia team and the glittering prospect that the home team may rise to the beight of fifth place has expanded the baseball cranks so much as to invest the project of widening our streets with the character of an actual necessity.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA VERDICT. The acquittal of McDow, the slaver of Captain Dawson at Charleston, is the end of a cause celebre, which follows the regular rule of South Carolina criminal jurisprudence, that no white man is ever hanged for murder. In this case there is apparently a better foundation for the result than usual. The portion of the case about which there is now dispute, is that Dawson

went to the house of McDow to pursue a

quarrel, and the only testimony as to the

actual encounter-that of McDow himself-

asserts that he shot Dawson in self-defense. However reprehensible the course of the defendant may have been anterior to this dispute, it did not debar him from the right of defending himself when threatened with violence. The conclusion of the jury appears to have been based on this statement of the facts; and that ends the case before the courts. But it remains to be seen whether South Carolina customs will let the case end with the verdict of a jury, or

rel after the manner of the vendetta.

MISUNDERSTOOD SARCASMS. The answer which the President has made to the pretended criticisms on his course in going on a yacht on the Potomac for Sunday, to the effect that this is the only way in which he can obtain seclusion and rest, is quoted and amplified at length by our esteemed cotemporary, the Philadelphia Ledger. That journal, after gravely arguing the harmlessness of the President's course in going upon the water and spending a quiet Sunday, enlarges upon the meanness of the party spirit which attacks the President's personal course on such slight grounds.

The esteemed Ledger would be quite right in denouncing the meanness of partisanship which could make the President's Sunday rest a matter of serious attack. Both the President and our cotemporary mistake the issue and do injustice to the American press, if they regard the comments on these points as to be taken seriously. We do not believe any paper that has made these comments honestly objects to the President's Sunday traps. But as certain persons who are supposed to be rather near the President truly painful to think of Queen Victoria have been prominent in objecting to the same sort of recuperation for the ordinary people, the comments are made as a pertinent, if somewhat pointed jest, on these who turn a blind eye to the President's method of spending the Sabbath, but frown sternly on exactly the same thing by common workers.

There are some millions of city workers essential for them to get on the water or in it is evidently inspired by the Irishman's the fields during their one day of rest. famous idea of, wherever it sees a head,

the incongruity of the class whom Judge Gresham characterized as "the Pharisees" in indorsing the President's Sunday holidays and denying the same recreation to

the masses. No one has seriously blamed the President, except as he is in sympathy with those of his friends who would deny to the common people the chances for enjoying fresh air and natural pleasures which he finds necessary. But it would not be a subject of special wonder if the unco guid Colonel Elliott F. Shepard and others of his class should do some wincing on their list of people declared eligible by examinaown account.

A PROTRACTED TASK AHEAD.

Nobody who foresaw the complications ahead will be in the least surprised that the task of distributing the Johnstown relief funds is proving many times more difficult than the collection of them. To say that the Governor's Commission has an elephant on its hands, would imply a belief that it is not equal to the emergency, for which there is as yet no sufficient warrant. But DAILY DISPATCH, including Sunday, 1 year. 10 00
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THE DAILT DISPATCH is delivered by carriers at the cents per week, or including Sunday edition, at best is already only too clear. sure for not doing the business in the way which everybody else is privileged to think

No doubt some of the Johnstown sufferers, looking at the large totals sent for their relief, have permitted themselves to think that they could at once be fully set upon Newsdealers or Newsboys to supply pa- their feet again in a business way. Assuredly that would have been the wish of the generous donors. But immeuse and gratifying as the contributions were, they would go but a small way toward furnishing any considerable restoration of the lost property. If each of the thousands of families of sufferers could have a few hundred dollars it would be the uttermost the fund would permit of-if indeed so much would be possible. What little distance this would go toward re-establishing them in their circumstances prior to the flood, anyone can see. That the Relief Commission is bound to fall short of the too sanguine expecta-

> As well as can be ascertained from the rather vague and misty formal declaration of purposes by the commission last week, it proposes to continue relieving present distress and the immediate privations that will arise, rather than attempt a per capita distribution. Of course this purpose is already censured; but the critics should at least have a better plan. None yet has appeared. That there will be much personal distress at Johnstown for months yet may be taken for granted. Be the process of natural recuperation swift or slow, some will lag in the race; some will be less fortunate than others; some less able in short to help themselves. An immediate distribution of all the money might make a week of temporary plenty only to be followed by many weeks of hardship for numbers of the relieved. The case clearly is one where continuous oversight and judicious administration of help for a long period yet is re-

But if the commission adopts the mo protracted course, the public will justly hold it to the strictest care in its disbursements. Something has been said about the cost of conducting the relief service. It will be a lasting disgrace if extravagance or jobbery to the amount of a single dollar shall be exhibited when the commission comes to

STOPPING THE SPEAK-EASIES.

The sharp sentences by Judge Stowe yesterday upon unlicensed liquor sellers should go far toward relieving the apprehensions of those who thought with Judges Gordon and White that the Supreme Court decision in favor of wholesalers, bottlers and brewers throws open the doors to a flood of intemperance and free liquor. The charming unconventionality of the "speak-easy" would, beyond doubt, attract hundreds into that quiet business if only the laws were dead. But Judge Stowe's session vesterday dispelled that brief illusion . Heavy fines and long terms of imprisonment will quickly make "speak-easy" enterprises unattractive. With unlicensed selling sharply stopped, it is not clear that the increase in the number of wholesalers, or bottlers, or brewers can work any material enlargement of the traffic, or multiply disorder in the

consumption. That the attitude of the Quarter Sessions yesterday upon violations of the Brooks law will continue need not be doubted. Taking into account with it the interest which the licensed retailers have in antagonizing the competition of unlicensed places, and the public desire that high license get a full and fair trial, the "speak-easy" can soon be accounted a thing of the past.

LIGHT READING FOR ROYALTY.

There has been a rule in the English Court since Queen Victoria came to the throne that no divorced person could be presented at Court. This rule has naturally borne harder upon the women than the men, for it is only to the feminine mind that the court presentation is an ecstatic privilege. No matter whether the woman had sinned or been sinned against, her exclusion from whether they will not pursue the fatal quarthe royal presence has inevitably followed her appearance in the court of divorce. She might have been forced to obtain a release from a husband desperately brutal or monstrously immoral, but as soon as she came near Buckingham Palace the hand of the Lord Chamberlain waved her back. The precincts of the court were forbidden to her. Recently, in a moment of liberality, and it might be said sanity, Queen Victoria decided so far to relax this rule as to admit those who had obtained decrees of divorce as plaintiffs to the royal presence. When the first drawing room after this decree was announced so many divorced women applied for cards of presentation that the Lord Chamberlain was threatened with paralysis and the Queen issued a new version of her roval will.

In the revised decree we are shocked to observe that the erstwhile sober and discreet ruler of Great Britain is becoming giddy. She says that henceforth before a divorced woman shall appear before her she, the Queen, will decide by reading all the proceedings in the divorce suit, including the testimony of the witnesses, whether the character of the applicant is spotless. It is voluntarily undertaking to read such salacious literature. But the old lady's excuse for getting at histories more naughty than the worst of French plays is remarkably ingenious.

There is certainly reason for general congratulation, without regard to party lines, who have exactly the same need of Sunday in the fact that the Civil Service Commisrecuperation that the President has. Their ston which President Harrison has constiindividuality may not have the same public tuted seems determined to make its record as importance; but in the aggregate the need an active opponent of spoils jobbery. The is greater, while the circumstances of those commission is acting upon the principle who have to earn their daily bread by conthat the purpose of its existence is to hunt stant labor in the great cities, makes it more out violations of the civil service law; and

Whatever has been said was to point out | there to locate a very telling blow with its

It started out with a very lively shake-up of the Democratic administration of the New York Custom House. It next examined the Republican postmasters of Troy and Indianapolis, and the Indianapolis Postmaster has not yet recovered from the shock of finding that he is subject to the keen criticisms of a body of men who believe in a sharp exposure of corruption and spoils polities. It next gave the Democratie Postmaster in Milwaukee a turn by an exposure of his practice of manipulating the tions, so that the person he prefers shall be certified to.

It may not be certain that the Commission will secure the complete enforcement of the civil service law, but there seems to be a gratifying assurance that under this administration the violations of the law will be given a publicity, not at all-pleasant to those who make a practice of violating it.

AUSTRIA is the latest power in Europe to put her foot down with the declaration that she is going to have peace in Europe if she has to fight for it. This will afford all the military Emperors a good excuse for asking for increased taxes for the support of their armies.

THE astrological predictions of that amusing humbug, Zadkiel, advises the public for the Fourth of July next to "sign no writings and make no contracts, but thou is a legal holiday, the people will be apt to abstain from signing writings and making contracts; but it is not so inconsistent with the customs of young people to do some courting on that day. So that for one day in the year Zadkiel's advice will be observed, even by people who never heard of

THIS is the regular season of the year for the announcement that Don Cameron will not again be a candidate for Senator; but it might be embellished this year with the detail that Beaver will not be a candidate either-enough to hurt any one but himself.

THE discovery that the City Treasurer had no power to collect water taxes from tenants, but must assess them against landlords, is founded on good sense; but the city authorities have been a long time in finding it out. People who have had their domiciles invaded by city officials who were collecting these taxes in just the way that is now declared unauthorized, can have the satisfaction of reflecting that it was a violation of their rights under the pretense of gov-

WITH regards to two of the reported trusts, it is safe to predict that the Rubber Trust will have to stretch a long distance, and the Pottery Trust will be likely to make a had smash, before they succeed in smothering competition in those trades.

THE project of the "progressive reformers," to have the Government guarantee 5 per cent dividends on all corporation enterprises, would give a decided stimulus to the industry of putting one dollar of capital into such enterprises, and issuing three to five dollars worth of stock to represent it. Five per cent on the five dollars of water would yield an excellent profit.

THE knowledge that the new rule adopted by the Republican County Committee are satisfactory all around, is calculated to create the belief that the whitewinged and millenial peace is spreading itself over the political field.

ATTENTION is now being called to the fact that Simon Cameron started in life as an editor. A good many politicians have taken that method of beginning a political career, and while they do not continue to be editors, the remark which Hamlet made to Polonius when the latter declined the charge that he was a fishmonger, will apply to the politicians.

JUDGE STOWE did not "speak easy" by any means yesterday in passing upon the cases of illegal liquor selling. The tone of the judicial utterances upon these violations of faw is a pronounced discouragement to that branch of enterprise.

THE dedication of the finest cemetery gate in the United States, being that \$120,-000 entrance to the Allegheny Cemetery from Penn avenue, was one of yesterday's leading points of interest. The Allegheny Cemetery has always been one of the attractions of Pittsburg, and this addition to its embellishments will be duly appreciated.

A WISCONSIN postmistress recently took after a man with a club so vigorously as to knock him out of this world altogether. The example of the First Assistant Postmaster General seems to be pervading all the ranks of the service.

THERE is a man in the Kansas City jail who is stated to be legally entitled to his freedom but he cannot get out. Kansas City, however, seems to think that it is keeping things even, in the fact that it has a great many citizens who are legally entitled to be in iail, but so far have not been successful in their endeavors to break in.

WITH another wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad yesterday that corporation will begin to believe that it never rains but it pours, and that this is a very rainy season.

An eminent lady, who represents the Bonanza millions abroad, and has sued two English newspapers for intimating that her mother was a washerwoman, has a very plain case of libel. It is evident that the ancestress of such a descendant could not have been a washerwoman. She must have been nothing less than a washlady.

THE reported discovery of gold in Michigan is probably due to preparations for opening the Presidental canvass of Michigan's favorite son for nomination in 1892.

THE little differences in the Board of Awards were quickly composed last week by permitting Chief Bigelow to decide the matters peculiarly belonging to his department. Now let'the work go on. The festive Fourth of July is near at hand, and only four months remain to build miles upon miles of badly needed streets.

ONE by one the iron firms sign, and work in the Pittsburg mills will go on as usual.

THE news which comes from Yale that the captain of the freshman baseball nine and the stroke oar of the freshman crew failed to pass the examinations shows the futility of wasting the time of those representatives of physical culture over such unimportant topics as mathematics and the

Three of a Kind. From the Chicago Tribune Some men are born great, some achieve THE TOPICAL TALKER.

New Use for a Fan-The Drug Clerk Was a Little Off-A Cool Compromise-The Coming of July.

THRY tell me it was pratty hot even in the grand stand at the ball game yesterday after-noon. There were rather twore ladies than usual present. One of them attracted no little attention because she carried an immense fan of the old-fashioned kind, which was cased in scarlet silk to match the startling hue of her hat and dress. One of the gentlemen in the party which circled around this brilliant being asked her why she carried so large a fau.
"To keep off 'flies,'" replied another gallant

"No," said she, correcting the second speaker "but I hope it will break the force of 'four The fan looked heavy enough to protect th face behind it, but fortunately no trial of its

Sirength was made.

One of the most aggravating mistakes I've heard of in a long time was perpetrated by a drug clerk in a suburban store one day last week.

A servant was sent by a certain estimable young lady to the drug store to get some borax, which was to be used for hair-cleansing purposes. The drug clerk filled the order, but by mistake substituted alum for borax. The servant returned and the young lady at once set to work on a home shampoo. It was not until the solution of alum had been applied very thoroughly and her hair had been satu-rated with it that the young lady discovered glossy, as borax usually does, they were be coming matted together in a horrible mess.

To cut the story short, it took an expert bar per an hour or two to bring that young lady's hair out of its horrible condition. As for the may'st court." As the Fourth of July next drug clerk, I guess he is not out of the mess

> A COOL COMPROMISE. That man is wise who spends the ev'ning coo In quiet o'er a book, or better still, Wanders between the hills, and by some pool Of peace and nature's grandeur drink s his fill.

But ten to one the modern youth replies, His only books are women's looks, and dear To him is tennis, and that he espie A bost of merits in a glass of beer.

But why not compromise? Let women fair Be still your book, but let the racquet go! Avoid the heating court, stroll, do not tear Where rills and lover's whispers rhyming flow

A man was singing the praises of the country yesterday to a friend who is desperately en

mored of the town and its delights.
"Won't you come and spend a week with me ust now?" said Rusticus. "The country is lovely; the air is full of scent of new mown hay, the spring chickens are ripe, the potatoes resh and young, fruit's abundant, everything is fresh, green, cool and comfortable! Won't you come? There's a spring near my house in piece of lovely woods. We can take our books and cigars and go and lie under the trees by the spring all the hot noon, and till undown calls us home to supper!" "You are eloquent," the city lover replied, "but you said something about a spring; is it

"The water is ice cold; a little pool lies at the spring's fount, and—"
"Would you have any objection to profaning the limpid depths of that cold, crystal spring with a half dozen bottles of export beer?"

"No, I was about to speak of it." "You should have told me that first. I am yours for the cool spring and the sparkling amber nectar it shall contain."

The dust flies up, the leaves drop down, The air is heavy in field and town,
Paradiss means a place that is cool,
The shutters are closed in the village school; The dogs lie limp wherever there's shade, The flowers are feign to droop and fade; Nobody works who can shrink the task Framps no longer for hot drinks ask; Papers brim with political lies,

Small boys fly to the creek and strip:

HEPBURN JOHNS. PROMINENT PEOPLE PARAGRAPHED.

JOHN RANDOLPH TUCKER has abandoned politics to become Professor of Law in the Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, Va. J. T. TROWBRIDGE, who grew famous by

writing clever stories for boys, is one of the prominent authors of Boston. Though past 60 and gray-haired, his fresh face and youthful earing make him appear much younger. COL. JACK HAVERLY, who once enjoyed the reputation of being the Napoleon of the theatrical business is now interesting himself in ing ventures. He registered at a St. Louis

hotel a few days ago and looked like a cowboy in his broad-brimmed sombrero. MME. EMMA NEVADA, the American prima donna, is repeating her vocal triumphs in Spain-She is spoken of as the spoiled darling of Span.

ish audiences, both socially and artistically. She is at present in Seville, where she has appeared in "Dinorah" and the "Barber of Ar the dinner party given in honor of the Emperor and Empress of Germany by the Count and Countess von Waldersee the Countess performed with distinguishing grace the difficult feat of walking backward before the Imperial guests up the whole length of a high staircase, managing her train with truly aristocratic dexterity. The Countess, who was formerly Miss Mary Lee, of New York, is said

to be one of the most elegant women in Euronean court society. MR. Howell's the novelist says: I remember very distinctly the first story I attempted to write. I got along very well until I wanted to draw it to a close, and in my efforts to do so I got into a most horrible condition of affairs.
Returning to a story after I have left it for only
a few hours, F find it exceedingly difficult to
resume work. So many new ideas will have come to me during the interim that it is impossible to know for some time in what way to use the material. With me, at the best, composi-

He Has a Pair of D'Uzes. From the St. Paul Pioneer Press. 1

Buffalo Bill and his horsemen are to show the French people what a stag hunt is like, and it is said that the Duc and Duchesse d'Uzes will participate. The affair is for the benefit of a charity, for which the Colonel expects to raise a large sum of money. The French climate has certainly impaired Bill's intellect, or he would not attempt to make a raise with

It Will be Popular With Papas. From the Louisville Courier Journal. A Kentuckian has just got a patent on a new kind of fence-post. If it is any better for hold ing up front gates than the inadequate posts now in use, every papa with a daughter will

TABLE ETIQUETTE FOR CHILDREN. HERE are a few good rules that can be safely

GIVE the child a seat that shall be strictly his own. TEACH it to take its seat quietly.

To use its napkin properly.

To wait patiently to be served.

To say "Thank you." Ir asked to leave the table for a forgotte article for any purpose to do so at once. NEVER to interrupt and never to contradict. NEVER to make remarks about the food. such as "I saw that turkey killed, and how he did bleed," as I once heard a little boy remark

at a Thanksgiving dinner.

TEACH the child to keep his plate in order. Nor to handle the bread or to drop food on

the cloth and noor.

To always say "Excuse me, please," to the mother when at home, and to the lady or hostess when visiting, if leaving the table before the rest of the party.

To fold its napkin and put back its chair or push it close to the table before leaving. AFTER leaving the table not to return. I know children who observe everyone of hese rules, and are in no way priggish, but are simply well-behaved, delightful companions, and they owe it all to their mether's careful training from babyhood.-Good Houng,

A RATHER UNIQUE CASE.

The Manner in Which Lewis Albert Conducted His Swindling Operations. LONDON, June 29 .- The crown prosecutor of the city of Wolverhampton, in the county of Stafford, is in a quandary. The police there Win Love. have in custody a young man who is un-doubtedly worthy of severe punishment, and yet his crime is so entirely novel that he

robably cannot be punished at all, unless the old statutes against witchcraft are revived, in before a slow fire. This young man, whose name is Lewis Albert, is a graduate of Oxford University. Soon after he left college he be came interested in mesmerism, mind-reading and hypnotism, and as a result of natural gifts or close study soon became so expert that for a or close study soon became so expert that for a time he traveled about giving exhibitions of his powers. He acquired a wonderful influence over the will power of certain classes of, people, and established such a reputation that he might have made his exhibitions very profitable but for an unfortunate penchant for the flowing bowl. This brought him so low that three months ago he turned up in Wolverhampton in rags and without money or friends. Then he began to hypnotize with a vengance. Small shop keepers usually women.

geance. Small shop keepers, usually women, began to discover that the contents of their tills very mysteriously dwindled after a visit from the urbane stranger. Just what his method of procedure was none could tell, but when they found, on comparing notes, that their losses invariably followed the visits of the colite Albert they see the achieve parch him. their losses invariably followed the visits of the polite Albert, they set the police to watch him. Then some startling discoveries were made. His custom was to enter a shop, make a purchase of some trifle and put down a copper in payment. Then the hypnotizing or mesmerising process must have been brought into requisition, for the shop keeper, in every case, took up the copper and handed out change for a sovereign, which the young man promptly pocketed. In only one case, while the police were on his track, was there a failure to befog his victim in this way. The detective who followed him about was mystified for a long time, being utterly unable to account for the hallucination which invariably seized Albert's victims and led them to mistake a copper coin for a gold sovereign, and it was only after discovering his professional record that he began to understand it.

Albert's last victim was a youth of 19, the attendant at the box office of a theater in Wol-

tendant at the box office of a theater in Wol-verhampton. He stepped up to the window, booledly asked for a shilling ticket, handed the boy a dirty scrap of newspaper, and received as change, without the slightest hesitation on the part of the boy, 4 sovereigns and 19 shillings. While walking off with this he was arrested by the officer, who had been shadowing him for two weeks. The boy in the box office was dumfounded when his attention was called to the scrap of newspaper in his cash box, and still stoutly insisted that the gentleman had handed him a £5 note. He remembered, however, that a peculiar sensation came over him, which he escribes as a sort of numbness, when the man irst approached the window of the office. The egal status of Albert's offense is very difficult to determine, as it is without a precedent, and good lawyers say there is now no law in En-gland to punish him. The case is exciting

MRS. HARRISON'S MAIL.

It Contains Numerous Requests for Pieces of Dresses and Locks of Hair.

WASHINGTON, June 29 .- The most exacting. time-consuming and laborious portion of the daily routine of the chief lady of the White House is her correspondence. If this confined itself to personal friends it would be manageable, but embracing within its scope every nook and corner of the land and every detail and diversity of subject, it assumes the proportions of a burden which no woman could carry, not even one so painstaking and conscientions and industrious as Mrs. Harrison. There is a hunorous phase to this toilsome drain upon the me and energies of the wife of the Pr One of the principal subjects of correspondence in Mrs. Harrison's mail is the request for samples of her inaugural ball costume.

They come from feminine sources, of course, and in the appeals for the coveted fragment of

the silk-woven homespun textile the acme of cepistolary composition and logic is often reached. In the kindness of her heart Mrs. Harrison has gratified many of these simple appeals from the fabricators of crazy quits and patchwork, but not to the extent of demolishing the historic gown in which she looked so queenly at the great ball in the vast court of the Pension building, but from garments which had seen service in church-going, house-hold display and social duty in times of Senatorial dignity and in the retirement of home life at Indianapolis. In this fragmentary form the dresses of former days have disappeared, leaving a decided void in the wardrobe of the first lady. The sources of supply have long been exhausted, while the demand continues unabated. This presents an emergency which can only be met by calling upon the looms of the manufacturers for an output sufficient to

the manufacturers for an output sufficient to supply the popular appeal.

The fair sex relic hunters of the Republic do not stop at samples of inauguration ball dresses, but intersperse their well-intentioned epistolary requests by asking locks from the bounteous tresses which lie in wavy brown masses threaded with gray upon the head of the first lady. There is a limit to the possibilities of nature, and, notwithstanding her wealth of the treasured article sought, these requests are respectfully declined or committed to the silk-lined paper basket, where everyone must admit treasured article sought, these requests are re-spectfully declined or committed to the silk-lined paper basket, where everyone mustadmit they belong. If even a molety of the appeals for locks of hair for charity or jewelry were gratified, the presiding lady would long since have been driven to such expedients to replace nature's supply knewn only among the ton-sorial mysteries of the wig maker and the hair dresser.

THE GREEN STAMP TO GO.

It is Probable That There Will be child has the power to, by the laving on of Change in Size, Also, WASHINGTON, June 29.—The specification hlann. just issued by the Postmaster General for the guldance of bidders under the next contract for postage stamps, advertised for under date of June 17, 1889, provide for bids for two series of stamps of different sizes, one of them be-

ing the size now in use, the other about onethird smaller. If stamps of the larger size should be determined on when the bids are in, the colors will be as follows: One cent, ultramine blue; 2 cent, metallic red; 3 cent, vermilmine blue; 2 cent, metallic red; 3 cent, vermilion; 4 cent, milori green; 5 cent, chocolate; 6 cent, dark red; 10 cent, light brown; 15 cent, orange; 50 cent, black; 90 cent, carmine.

If stamps of the smaller size should be preferred, the colors will be as follows: One cent, ultramine blue; 2-cent, carmine; 3-cent, royal purple; 4-cent, chocolate; 5-cent, light brown; 6-cent, vermilion; 10-cent, milori green; 15-cent, steel blue; 30-cent, black. 90-cent, orange.

Under one form of bids the contractor will be allowed extra compensation from all change Under one form of bids the contractor will be allowed extra compensation from all change from the present designs, and in another form of bid, changes may be made at the will of the Postmaster General without extra compensation. From the above it will be seen that the color of the 2-cent stamp will be changed from green to either carmine or metallic red.

In speaking of the proposed changes, Postmaster General Wanamaker said to-day he believed that the smaller sized stamp would be quite as useful and popular as the larger size, now in use, and by reducing the size of the stamp a material saving would be effected which could be profitably expended in a better and in every way more desirable color. The metallic red proposed under one form of bid was the color of the 2-cent stamp which immediately preceded the green 2-cent stamp now in use. No changes in designs have yet been determined upon.

A VALUABLE RELIC.

The Strange Recovery of a Harpoon After

SWIMMING ON THE FLOOD.

Lapse of 32 Years. WASHINGTON, June 29 .- There has just bee eceived at the National Museum in this city to be placed in the fisheries section, an interesting souvenir of the Arctic whale fishery, which Captain J. W. Collins, the superintendent of that department, greatly prizes. It is an oldfashioned hand-molded swivel harpoon, which has quite a story, as gleaned from the papers has quite a story, as gleaned from the papers accompanying it. While in the Ohkats Sea this summer the ship Cape Horn Pigeon, commanded by Captain L., Nathan Rogers, captured a whale, in the blubber of which was imbedded a foreign substance. On examination this proved to be a harpaon, broken off at the junction with the lance, which had been in the whale over 30 years.

On the hinge of the harpoon was stamped in plain letters "S. T. D.," Ship Thomas Dickerson, and the name of the maker, not so plain, could also be made out. This was the first and only messenger from the good ship Dickerson, which sailed from New Bedford in 1856, and was lost the next year in the very waters where the crew of the Cape Horn Pigeon secured the harpoon 32 years later.

In spite of his tireless and indefatigable work

Loon Floating Screnely on the Water When the Dam Broke. (FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.) Johnstown, June 29.—At the dam to-day met Jacob Hoyer, who saw it break. When the water had half run out, a big loon came flosting down the stream unmindful of the flood. Nearthe break he tried to get out, but the rush of water sucked him under, and Mr. Hoyer said to bimself, that is the last of the loon, but the bird was equal to the emergency and reached the surface safely, when, with a barsh cry, he flopped his wings and soared away. The break in the dam, by actual measure ent, is 412 feet wide.

PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH.

Sturdy People Who Live Long and Drink Beer-The Unique Cures for Intemperance and Various Distempers-Charms to

READING, June 29 .- This city and the country within a radius of 25 miles surrounding it is justly celebrated for its great number of aged en and women, there being 234 in this (Berks) county who are living at more than four-score years, and more than a dozen centenarians. Then, too, they almost all enjoy good health, and they say it is seldom that a man or woman gets sick before the time comes for him to shuffle off his mortal coil and take a peep at things beyond. Doctors, that is to say the orthodox fellows, who prescribe blue mass, quinine, strichnia, arsenic, paregoric, peppermiut or any other of the drugs constituting the orthodox materia medica of this nation of dyspeptics-do not thrive here. If you were to ask any of these old people their opinion of the regular disciple of Æsculapius, they would answer you in the sweetest language on earthdocther fur mich: Ich glob net in ein unt sie medicine," which being translated, reads: "No doctor for me; I don't believe in him and his

medicine."

These people have a materia medica peculiarity their own, in which their well-known lager beer plays a prominent part (the county went 19,841 majority—9 to 1—against the prohibition amendment to the State Constitution, on June 18), and while every father in the county considers it incumbent upon him to see to it that his children are taught to call for their favorite beverage in two different languages. he considers it no less his duty to impress upon their minds the unfailing efficacy of the following mathods of flathing diseases combating death methods of fighting disease, combating death and his sickle and attaining to a long and happy

First of all, it is necessary to take beer in moderate quantities; and if you are unfortunate nough to have been born a male, vote the Democratic ticket. If you can't catch on to the regular party ticket, put one in with General Jackson's name on and the judges will in nine cases out of ten know that you meant the right thing anyhow, and count it the way it should be

If a Berks county party ever becomes fool-ish enough to throw beer to one side and take whisky in such quantities as to produce de-lirium tremens, his friends consider it their duty to secure two live eels from a distance of at least 100 miles from where the patient pour a half gallon of whisky over then after the death of the poor cells compe patient to drine all the whisky during consecutive days in the sign of the fish. lives through this, they say he will get well ives through this, they say he will get well sure and never again be cursed with an appetite for rum.

No man or woman will, in the opinion of the average Berks county resident, attain a great age or enjoy good health if he or she has not been placed in the hopper of the nearest grist mill before the age of 10 days has been reached, and so wall do the dusty millars in this section.

and so well do the dusty millers in this section understand this belief of the people that they invariably commence to get the hopper ready when they see a woman approach the mill with a child in her arms. In the estimation of several with whom I have conversed relative to their peculiar list of cures and preventives, a man or woman who will make it a point on man or woman who will make it a point on their twenty-fifth birthday to catch a toad and kiss it will certainly live to be three-score and ten; if, after attaining that age they repeat the same dose on the same toad (there are scores of toads kept in this country for that purpose), there is no doubt but that they will live to be centenarians.

Preserving the Baby From Harm.

The average country mother in this county, and portions of Lancaster, Schuylkill and Le high, would consider it a most serious dereliction of duty to neglect taking the first crop of hair cut from the head of her child and stow it after the birth of the youngster, for she firmly believes that this will conduce to its future good health and guarantee a long life. She knows her mother did so in her case, and the traditions of the old folks must not be forgotter or disbelieved.

When a man sprains his back here he will be

tween sundown and 9 o'clock P. M. wind an eel skin three times around his body and say: "In the name of Father Son and Spirit," and be willing to swear that he will have no pain the

has told him that immediately upon their first appearance he must take a bee-line for the nearest tree stump that has water in it and thoroughly cleanse (?) his hands in the stag-nant pool. If he does so he need have no fear but that the warts will disappear before the end of the month.

When a little Berks county baby gets a sore

throat no physician, allopathic or otherwise, is called in prescribe some nauseous dose or may-hap burn the darling's throat with caustic, but the mother takes the stocking from her own right foot, winds it around her pet's neck, puts it to bed and, lot the soreness has taken its everlasting departure and the child is entirely well the next morning.

When age brings aches and pains and the old the child is entirely well to the child in the child who has for the child the child who has for When age brings aches and pains and the old man's joints get stiff, the wife who has for so many years shared his joys and serrows takes a bacon rind, carefully rubs the sore spots and then buries the rind under the eve of the house, firmly believing that as the meat grad-cally rots away the pains will cease and the

Charms and Love Philters. Nine-tenths of the country people believe in pow-wowing, and there are few indeed who do not believe that the seventh child of a seventl

hands, knock all the fever out of a burn or Peddlers of charms for the cure of heartaches disappointed love, jealousy, slowness of com-prehension, inability to make money, dyspepsia, headache or backache, freckels, moles, super-fluous hair, and any or all of the ills that humanity is heir to, thrive and grow rich.

The belief in witchcraft may be said to be almost universal, more especially in the country districts, and there is not a township but has one or more persons ostracized from the general society because of the belief that she is a witch, or hex, as they are called in Pennsylvania Dutch. There is an old man in this city who has for many years followed the profession of a witch doctor, and who has grown rich from it; and

doctor, and who has grown rich from it; and there is another serving a term in the county prison who, during his trial, declared that there was no humbug about his being able to cure anyone who was "behexed" (bewitched) as he termed it, and although the Judge gave him a severe sentence, and a terrible reprimand in addition, for hoodwinking and imposing upon the credulity of the people, two-thirds of the audience in the Court House (and it was crowded) sympathized with the culprit and blamed the Judge.

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These are but a few of the curious ideas that seem to permeate the very life of society in the county of Berks, and when I a few days ago, expressed a doubt as to the efficacy of some of the cures mentioned, the old residenter to whom I was talking shook his head disdainfully and remarked: "All recht; du waist net; ef mehr lite tes ting wissa tower besser fer se!"

—"all right; you don't know: if more people knew these things it would be better for them."

GERMAN STATE SALARIES. The Small Amounts Paid to the Chief Officer

of the Empire.

The German Empire does not pay its high em

ployes on an extravagant scale. Prince Bis-marck receives £2,700 a year and a residence. The Foreign Secretary gets £2,500, including free quarters; the State Secretary,£1,800,includ-ing free quarters; the State Secretary of the Imperial Court of Justice,£1,200 and a house; the State Secretary of the Imperial Treasury,

£1,000 and a house; the State Postmaster Gen-eral, £1,200 and a house; the Minister of War, £1,800, with a house, fuel and ra-tions for eight horses; the Chief of the Admirality, £1,800, with a house; the chief of the general staff, £1,500, a house and rations the general staff, £1,500, a house and rations for six horses. Fourteen commanding generals get £1,500 each, with free furnished quarters and rations for eight horses. With regard to embassadors those in London and St. Petersburg are paid £7,500 each; in Vienna, Constantinople and Paris, £6,000 each. Of ministers £2,400 at paid at Brussels, £2,250 at Bucharest, £2,400 at The Hague, £2,700 at Madrid, £3,000 at Pekin, £2,400 at Rio Janeiro, £3,150 at Washington, £2,000 at Stockholm, £2,400 at Teheran and £2,250 at Yeddo.

Prof. Proctor's Widow.

as writer and as lecturer, the property accumulated by the late Prof. Richard A. Proctor at the time of his death was not sufficient to sup-port his wife and children, and we learn that his home in Florida, together with his library and scientific apparatus, is to be sold for the benefit of his heirs. His widow, Mrs. Sallie D. Proc-tor, formerly of St. Joseph, Mo., will make an tor, formerly of St, Joseph, Mo., will make an effort to buy the library so as to keep it together, and with this object in view will deliver, next winter, some of Prof. Proctor's astronomical lectures, incidents those on the sun, the moon and other worlds than ours. She will use the Professor's alides and lantern, and Mrs. Proctor is a woman of sofficient taient and attainments to make these lectures scarcely less entertaining and instructive than they proved when Prof. Proctor himself delivered them to delighted audiences.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

A Dance in a Maryland Barn.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, June 29. - When Mr. John Vin washingron, June 22.—which Miss Elizabeth ton Danigren brings his bride, Miss Elizabeth Drexel, whom he wedded in New York to-day, to the handsome country home of his mother, the widow of the late Admiral Dahlgren, on South Mountain, he will be especially received. Preparations for the event are of an elaborate ature. The guests will be numbered by the hundred, and the wedding festival will con-tinue for the space of a full week. The floor of the large barn on the place has been waxed for dancing and the walls handsomely decorated. It is a fine building, more like a house than a barn. Refreshments will be served in the carriage house, which is being gally decorated for the occasion. It will be filled with tables. It will be the greatest social event that has oc-

The President Takes a Trip.

The office-seekers who called at the White House during the usual hours to-day were dis-appointed. The President was not there. He had left town. Two or three persons who put foot on the portice half an hour earlier than they could hope to be received, got there just in time to see the President come quickly from the private part of the house and enter the carriage, which was in waiting. As soon as he was seated, Albert, the coachman, drove off at a smart trot. There was no preparation or ceremony about the departure. The President was alone and dressed just as he had been half an hour before when at his desk, in his accustomed

gray suit. He had no baggage, not even a hand-bag, and there was no footman on the box. He was only going over to Baltimore to meet his wife like any plain citizen. It was impossible, on account of the amount of work on hand, for him to go to Cape May to bring Mrs. Harrison and the grandchildren home, but when he re-ceived a dispatch that they had started and would be in Baltimore to-day he decided to meet them in that city. He left the White House at about 20 minutes before 11 o'clock, drove at once to the B. & O. depot and too the first train for Baltimore, a special car

Mrs. Harrison and Baby McKee Return At about 2 o'clock the President's carriage was again seen driving up the avenue with a good deal of the Presidental family in it. All the way to the White House the President held baby McKee in his arms, the little one crowing gleefully to see his grandfather once nore. Mrs. Harrison is looking very well sinc her visit to the sea shore. She will remain at the White House until Tuesday afternoon when she will accompany the President on his trip to Woodstock to spend the Fourth of July, as guests of Henry C. Bowen, Esq. Mrs. Mc Kee will arrive at Deer - Park on Tuesday to spend the remainder of the summer, and afte the Woodstock trip Mrs. Harrison will join her

A Wonderfully Fast Beat.

It has been discovered that the boilers d signed for the new Herreshaf torpedo boat, now building for the Government, while they will generate sufficient motive power, will not be strong enough to endure the tremendous pressure, though they are in accordance with the requirement of the bids. Other and stronge boilers, similar in character, are therefore in course of construction, and it is estimated they will furnish, without injury, power sufficient to drive this wonderful vessel at a rate of fron 28 to almost 30 miles an hour, which is from our to five miles an hour faster than the swift est of the British torpedo boats. The vessel is well advanced in construction. The hull is encased. The engines are almost finished, and the bollers will soon be ready for setting.

Soldiers Feel Insulted.

Members of the District militia are very such incensed at the order of President Harri son that no intoxicants shall be dispensed by the commissary or allowed in camp when they A boy who sees warts on his hands in this order is an unwarrantable innovation, and county doesn't carry them long if he has been properly instructed at home, for his mother of the boys to control their appetites and conduct themselves like soldiers and gentlemen. General Ordway, the commanding officer in the district, is also very much incensed at the order, and expresses himself to his friends very freely and in no complimentary manner in regard to the peculiar interference of the President. General Ordway says the inevitable result will be that the men will smuggle whisky secretly to their tents, and drink freely to show their defiance of the President, while otherwise they would content themselves to a great extent with the light mait and vinous beverages which would be openly dispensed. The opponents of the Presi-dent's orders are not the more pleased, because it is plainly stated that Mr. Harrison was influenced to his action by members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, whose other recent request that intoxicants be ban-ished from the President's table was promptly

and contemptously turned down by the entire Presidental household. Lively times are looked for at the Fort Washington camp. Money to be Made by Hand. As no arrangement was reached between the Government and the agent of the steam presses in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing under the new law reducing the royalty from \$1 to 1 cent per 1,000 impressions, the 19 steam presses against which the plate printers have made such a bitter fight will be at once thrown out of the building. It was ascertained that the necessary work could be done without the operation of these presses, and the men employed on them were informed this evening

they need not report for duty on Monday. This makes the victory of the, plate printers com plete over the steam presses.

Where She Made a Mistake. From the Philadelphia Inquirer.] A Kentucky woman has just received \$2,750 damages from a man who slapped her on the cheek. The mistake of her life was in not turning the other cheek also and getting twice that amount of damages.

More Than the World Could Stand,

A Chicago man suggests that that city build a tower 2,000 feet high. Babel was bad enough, but if there should be a dispersion from Chi-cago the world would hardly survive it.

With Large Type and Wide Margins From the Philadelphia Press.: The lately issued volume entitled, "Wit and Wisdom from the Novels of W. D. Howells," is a very small but rather neat book.

TRI-STATE TRIFLES.

A HALP smoked cigarette once puffed by Red Nosed Mike, is valued very highly by Robert Marsteller, of Allentown, Pa. Clar-ence Slibs, of the same place, owns a splinter

Rhodes, of Newton, Delaware county, two weeks ago, has so poisoned him that a local hinks he will not live. A JACOB FREDERICK, of Greenbaur, Mon gomery county, is making quite a nice in-come by buying frogs from boys for five cents

A BRIAR which ran into the hand of John

a piece and selling there to Allentown restau-ELIZABETH MICHAEL, who kept the Grape Hotel, where James Buchanan once made his headquarters and made the inn keeper promi-nent by his public praise of her cooking, died the other day at Lancaster in her 91st year.

A SMALL creek at Blossburg, Pa., ripped up the mountain side during the flood rampage and revealed a good vein of coal and two of iron ore, one being over four feet thick: a splendid bed of fire-clay and a valuable bank

DURING a short thunder storm at Antrim, Tioga county, Pa., two or three days since, light ning broke a telephone wire, turned one end back and welded it solidly, making a loop. It s said the weld was as perfect as any expert could have made it.

A PHILADELPHIA paper says: The furry caterpillars make the sparrows' blood run cold and they won't eat them.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-The moon is to be weighed from the ton

-There are 80,000 New Yorkers out of town from June to September,

-New York will spend \$1,681,000 this year for paving and repaving streets. -A banana trust is advocated by fruit

dealers in Hawaii, according to intelligence from the Pacific coast. —A Chinese leper was discovered in the Sacramento jail recently. He had been sent there from Folsom for refusing to pay a poll

-Jack Jackson married a few days ago in Columbus, Ga. An hour later he was locked up for theft and his wife's relatives want her to -Negroes at work on the big warehouse

in Washington, Ga., went out on strike be-cause their foreman "wouldn't let us go to work late and quit early." -Dr. Chaille states that the average life

of woman is longer than that of man, and in most parts of the United States woman's ex-pectation of life is greater. -A Detroit paper prints the following: It rained young goslings on the farm of Fred Hutzel, of Pittsfield, recently. For further particulars write to Hutzel. This paper is not

given to lying. -Two bad boys in Georgia placed a bar of iron across a railroad track, and then signaled an approaching train in order to get a free ride to the next town as a reward for

-Enoch Townsend, of Saco, Me., is credited with accomplishing the feat of riding from Boston to Portland on a bicycle in a single day, having left the "Hub" at 5 A. M. and arriving at Portland at 8 P. M.

-Belgium is a poor place for physicians. A writer to a medical journal published there says that they have the care of three-fourths of the population, get nothing at all from one-half of their patients and very poor pay from the rest.

from his trail, is causing considerable excitement among the refidents in East Hill, a suburb of Pensacola, Fla. A grand hunt is proposed by some or the anxious ones, -Four years ago a man named John M. Brosins landed in Atlanta, Ga., with \$150 in his

-A Decatur, Mich., man advertises to keep everything that any purchaser wants, and the other day, when they killed a blue racer snake three feet long in the store the merchant admitted that he had no more in stock, and didn't want torob the saloons of their snakes

largest ever caught in the county.

pany must be constantly shifted, so that their faces may not become familiar to the employes and arouse suspicion. The cost of se-cret service to a railroad is often very large, but

depth of 1,200 feet, the drill broke off, and in order to remove the broken part it was necessa-ry to take away the piping, and when about 1,-000 feet had been brought out there came a rush of oily water, which gave every indication of pure oil at a greater depth. When the nips was removed a spout of almost pure oil followed, lasting for 15 minutes, and then came a rush of gas, which has since poured in a steady -Thomas Cunningham, of Fort Wayne, Ind., called on a young married lady there the

as near my too now as I shall ever be. Suddenly springing up from his chair, he drew from his hip pocket a small revolver, and, pointing it in the direction of his heart, pulled the trigger. The landlady of the house into which the would-be suicide had entered uninvited, happened at that moment to go into the room, and, jumping forward, made a clutch at the revolver just in the nick of time, and the builet flew harmless. -The cantonal authorities of the districts around Mount Pilatus, Switzerland, have under consideration a proposal for the construction of a novel kind of a road which has been submitted to them through the Central Gov ernment at Berne. This road would connect

FUNNY MEN'S FANCIES.

PERVERSITY.

The boozy man in the corner of the crowded car awoke from a nap and discovered a bulky lady hanging to a strap and glaring at the row of unobservant men intent upon their newspapers. The boozy man's gallantry asserted itself. "1"libe one 'wenny two gen'!"men in; dish cart' get up an' give th' lady seat, 's he said."—Kansus City

What keeps you away from home every Saturday Plusminus-I have to balance the books, my Mrs. Plusminus (with grieved tone)-I am sure,

AUTOBIOGRAPHY. What wonderful resources hide All unsuspected in the brain, Until exhausted art has tried Then do we see some gentus sad Awaked to the creative mood,

-Philadelphia Press Unprofessional Advice-A Berlin Judge, the other day, addressing a locksmith who appeared as a witness, spoke as follows: "I should have thought you would dissuade your workmen from going to law for such a trifle."

Witness—That's what I did! I said: "Children," said I, "the clerk at the lawyer's will

my daughter Lucy married a blacksmith, and they have a nice home and are getting along

they have a mee close and are gessing assem-nicely. Mary married a butcher, and is very com-fortably provided for. Jenule married a section hand, and they are happily aituated.

Mrs. Jones-And your daughter (findys?

Mrs. Smith-Alas! she married a foreign no ble-man. I send her \$\frac{1}{2}\$ per week and some discarded dresses and by taking in washing she manages to

castically)—John, that's a big trunk I saw the men put into the baggage car just as we started. I suppose it has your bathing outfit in it, and you want to show your eigar-amoking, beer-drinking friends how large it is compared with the little hand-bag that has my bathing suit. That's an

-A monster rattlesnake, supposed to be two or three feet in circumference, judging

pocket, and a chest of tools which were made in 1848. The same man to-day is worth over \$300,000. The fortune was made on two patents—an axle for a wagon and a sewing machine.

-Judge John Bell and Mr. Harry Turner surely take the blue ribbon as champion fishermen of Emmanuel county, Ga. One day last week they caught with hook and line nine trout weighing 35 pounds, and one of which weighed 12 pounds. The 12-pound trout was the -The private detectives of a railroad com-

can never compare with the proportions of adroit and successful freight robbing. -Natural gas has been struck in full flow at Pompang Valley, Conn., by the com-pany which has been boring for oil or coal for the past nine months. Some days ago, at the

other afternoon and requested her to play upon the piano for him. She played, "Nearer to Thee." "It is a beautiful piece," he said, when the young lady had finished, "and I guess I am as near my God now as I shall ever be." Sud-

ernment at Berge. This road would connect the so-called Oberhaupt, or highest point of Pilatus, with the Klimsenhorp. The object would be to make the assent of the mountain easier on the northern side and to shorten the ascent for tourists coming from Hergiswyl. The difference in level between the two points is set down at 184 metres; the distance between them at 465 metres. The road apparatus would consist of six wire cables, quite independent of one another, on which six light pulley wheels will move, and from these wheels a small omitous capable of carrying eight persons will hang. The omnibus will be drawn by a rope attached to a steam engine to be placed on the Oberhaupt.

"Great wit to madness nearly is allied." but it you would see a perfect union just observe the matness of the small wit as he reads, "De clined with thanks. -Puck. Blinks-"Where are you going on your

vacation, Jinks?" Jinks (whose place has just been seized by the Sheriff)—"Jail, I guess. First vacation I've had in nine years."—Philadelphia Dude to doctor-"Anything serious wrong with me, doctor?" Doctor, slowly-"Your condi-tion is serious, but not necessarily fatal. I have

Some apples, splendid to behold, Contain a bitter spot.

And lee, presumed to keep us cold,
When paid for—makes us bot.

— Philadelphia Press.

Commercial Exercise. - Mrs. Plusminus-

if you want exercise of that sort, we have encyclo-pedias enough right here at home—Burlington Free Press.

And eleverly forget the bad And only recollect the good.

take your coat, and the lawyer will strip off your shirt, and as for the Judge, why, man. he'll skin you alive!" You see, I talked sensibly to the folks like that, but it was all of no use!—Zettgast. The Price of Royalay .- Mrs. Smith-Yes

dresses, and by taking in washing she manages to support the family.—Omaka World. He Bought Them Himself.—Wife (sar-

erpillars make the sparrows' blood run cold and they won't eat them.

An excited young man in evening dress told the conductor of a train coming from Germantown to Philadelphia: "If I miss that social something'll get sued.

An excited young man in evening dress told the conductor of a train coming from Germantown to Philadelphia: "If I miss that social selected at home. Helphere, quick, somebody! She's fainted.— Theorem Tribune.